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# Father's & Families enjoy churrascaria Sunday



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Of course they started with the extensive gourmet soup and salad bar and an endless parade of gauchos carving meat tableside, as well as a versatile atmosphere that lends itself to both large and intimate gatherings, has solidified the restaurant's innovative concept. Congratulations to all Father's and their families who celebrated this special day at Texas de Brazil. □

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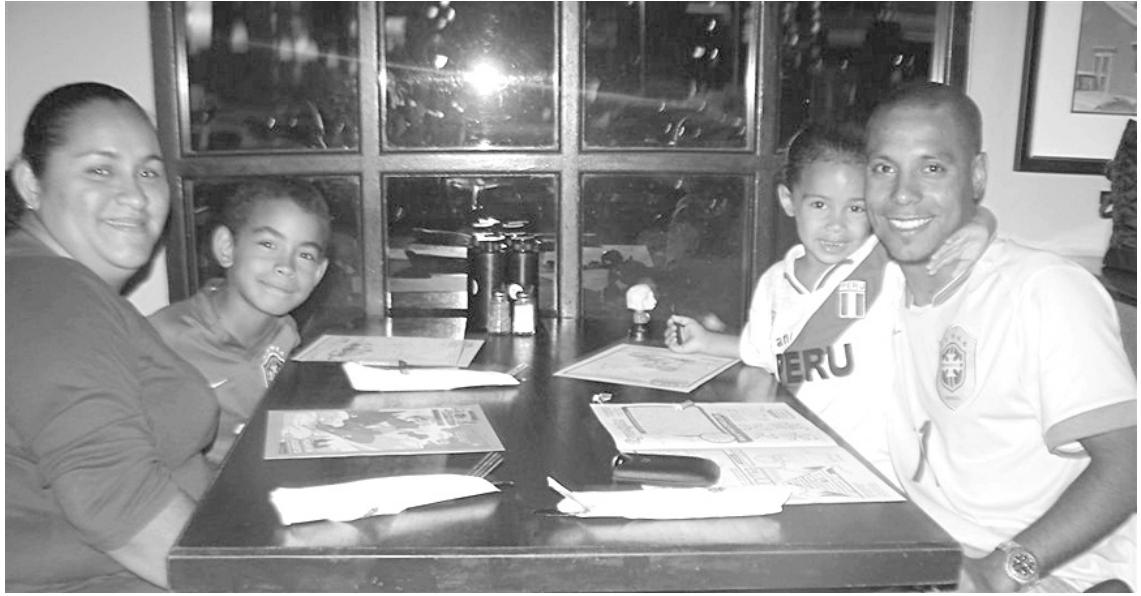
*At Tony Roma's in Palm Beach*

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## Dads treated to a fabulous country club lunch



WESTPUNT — This past Sunday, families enjoyed a special brunch buffet done only as the island's country



club can do, with a special grill station added in honor of dad. Ventanas del Mar, located in the clubhouse of Tierra del Sol, was host to families of both locals and tourists who came to enjoy the casually elegant ambiance and award-winning cuisine.

In addition to classic brunch favorites like chef-prepared omelets to order and a chilled seafood display, guests enjoyed grilled fresh grouper, filet mignon, and pork tenderloin medallions featured items on the grill buffet that



was topped off with a lavish dessert station.

During the brunch, fathers joined in a raffle and some one free round of golf on

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# Minister of Tourism meets with islands top windsurfers



MOOMBA BEACH - Aruba celebrates the 23rd anniversary of the annual Aruba Hi-Winds, the largest amateur windsurfing event in the Caribbean. The event, taking place July 1 - 6, 2009 at the Fisherman's Huts and

Boca Grandi on the east side of the island, features exciting windsurfing and kite boarding competitions for visitors of all ages. Aruba, famous for its year-round trade winds and calm seas, makes the island nation the perfect location for

this series of events that attract professionals and amateurs alike.

The Hi-Winds competition includes races for windsurfing and kite boarding. Categories featured are long distance, course racing, slalom and



freestyle for windsurfing; and course racing and freestyle for kite boarding. Each category is open for men, women, masters, juniors and kids. In addition to enjoying the competitions during the day, the Hi-Winds organizing committee has put together fun festivities to entertain all participants and guests in the evenings. Celebrations include a welcome party at Moomba on the first evening, followed by an elegant dinner on the beach hosted by Divi Resorts. On Saturday, dinner will be served at De Palm Island, and Sunday's party will take place on the beach with live music. This historic event dates back to 1987, where the Hi-Winds competition was the first event dedicated to hosting world champions and professionals in the windsurfing community. In 1997, the organizing committee turned the Hi-Winds from a top race to a fun, amateur event appealing to all kinds of audiences. In recent years, Freestyle Windsurfing was added to the program and freestylers now compete for the coveted crown of "King of the Huts." The event's latest addition to the program is kite boarding, which has turned the competition into an immediate success with all audiences. To view a full event schedule, entry fees and competition requirements for Hi-Winds, please visit [www.hiwinds-aruba.com](http://www.hiwinds-aruba.com). For more information on travel to Aruba, please visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) □

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Father's Day dinner was extra special this year!

## Moby Dick's celebrated Fathers with the "Deadliest Catch"



PASEO HERENCIA - Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant featured Moby Dick's famous King Crab Legs, Crab Cakes & Crab Bisque trio last weekend for Father's to enjoy. Everyone celebrated Father's Day all day Saturday and

Sunday with the Father's Day specials plus regular a la carte menu. The a la carte includes the legendary Lobster Thermidor, Mussels Monte Carlo, Sautéed Jumbo Prawns, Seafood Pasta, and many other favorites.

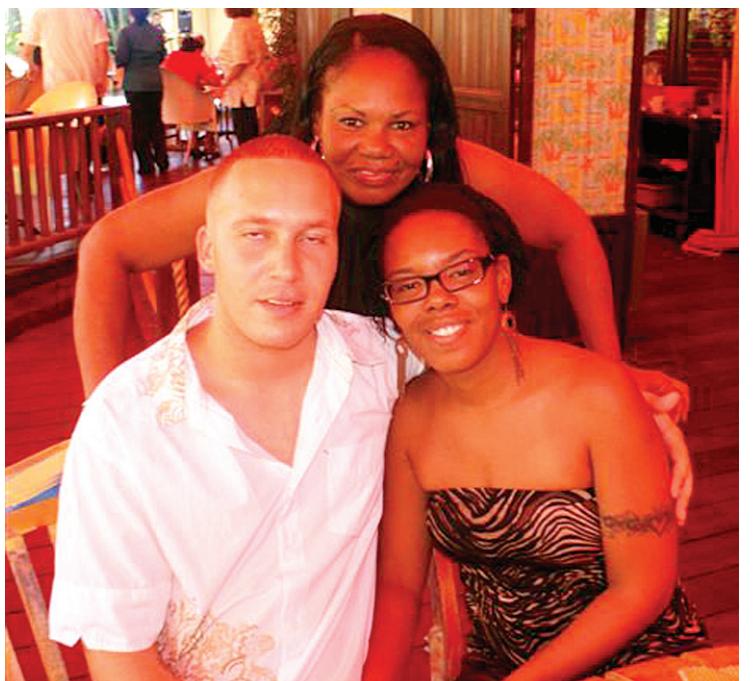


Guests won tickets for the cinemas by participating in the restaurant's Father's Day specials.

Moby Dick's is located in the new Paseo Herencia Mall in front of the Holiday Inn Resort, don't leave Aruba without sampling the legendary famous "Bloody Oyster" that will more than knock your socks off. □



# Dads love the Radisson



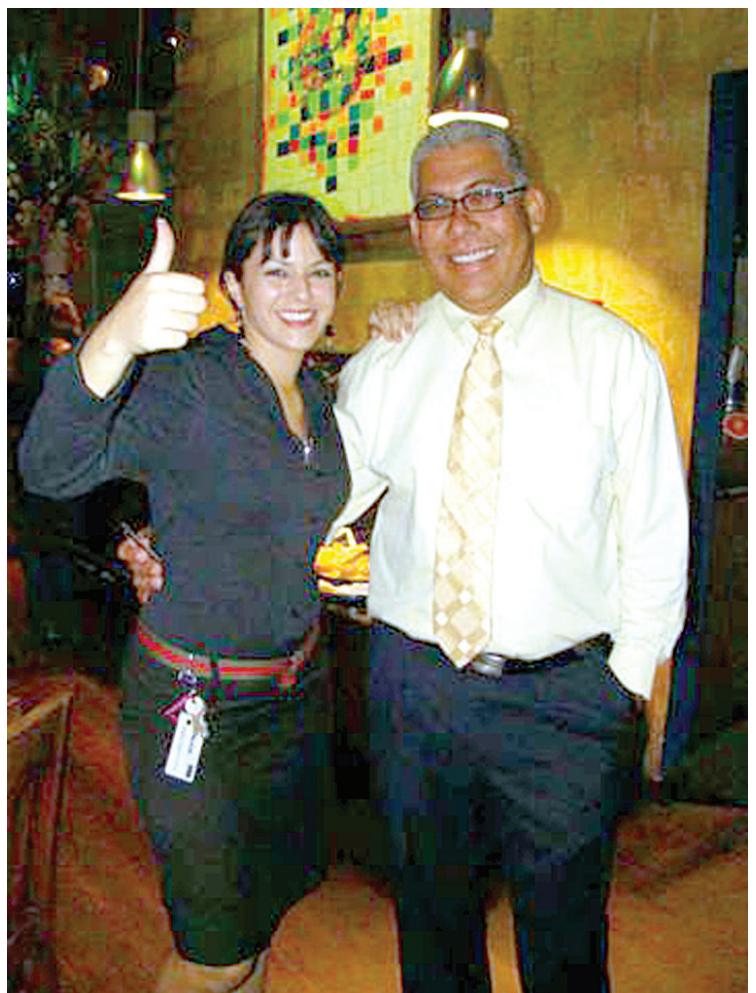
PALM BEACH – The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa had a lot going on in honor of Father's Day. The resort, celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer, offered its popular, special local room rate and included some fun features with the offer.

Those who could not spare the time to stay at the hotel and overnight, visited the resort's Larimar Spa which rolled out a number of specials in honor of Father's Day, including a pool and beach pass. Some combined it with the American breakfast buffet at Laguna restaurant, and some enjoyed the sumptuous Sunday brunch.

Laguna Restaurant was a hub of activities on Father's Day as dads of all ages, were treated to quality time with family members big and small, having a wonderful time. □



# Amazonia Churrascaria treats dads like kings



PALM BEACH -- The luckiest dads celebrated Father's Day with their families at

Amazonia Churrascaria, where the waiters and gauchos made sure that they enjoyed

their day to the fullest. The Brazilian steakhouse served hundreds of families on Sunday, and General Manager Hubert Solagnier was on hand to personally oversee the experience, assisted by



Carolina Raven, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., twelve hours of non-stop service.

With a gourmet soup & salad bar and an endless selection of chicken, pork, beef and lamb grilled to perfection and served tableside, guests certainly had

a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day. As one local dad noted: "I think I'm in heaven, I'm surrounded by great food and by my wonderful family members."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves. □

At the Aruba Marriott Resort

# Maria & Patrick are united as one as the sun sets



PALM BEACH – Maria Lizette Bley & Patrick Everett Mc Nellis were married at the Aruba Marriott Resort on Palm Beach, Aruba on June 20th, 2009. Their special day was coordinated by Desiree Biker and the rest of the events team of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

After the ceremony performed by Rev. Gregory Lyder, Maria and Patrick enjoyed a cocktail reception on the beach as the sun set and then a fabulous dinner on the deck with their wedding party and guests. Congratulations from Aruba Today. □

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# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

# Cholesterol, the Good and the Bad

In the past they would kill the messenger who delivered news that king did not want to hear. Tough job, fortunately, this doesn't happen today. Or does it? With the declaration of helping patients, doctors try to eliminate your body signs (messages) with drugs. When consulting an allopathic doctor the first thing investigated is to see if you have a disease. If not, they may test your blood and identify values that they think will cause a disease. With higher than normal cholesterol numbers, cholesterol lowering drugs are frequently prescribed. Is this the best thing to do? Could it be that the remedy may be worse than the disease?

Cholesterol lowering drugs, known as statins are proving to be killers. Documents indicate some senior executives of German pharmaceutical maker Bayer, knew its anti-cholesterol drug Baycol was causing illness and death long before pulling it off the market. It produces a side effect called rhabdomyolysis which causes severe pain and muscle weakness. Serious cases can shut down the kidneys and cause paralysis or death. During other drug studies, test patients have committed suicide. In fact, suicide is a stated possible risk from taking cholesterol lowering medicine. Why? Lipoproteins, which are attached

to cholesterol, provide a means by which toxins including, heavy metals, solvent toxins, pesticides, and petro-chemicals can be removed from your brain and nerves. As cholesterol falls, less lipoproteins are available lowering your body's ability to remove these poisons.

For natural physicians, cholesterol is not bad. Hydroxy sterols are found in both animal and plant life. Cholesterol, a complicated form of alcohol is the main sterol of higher life forms. With the exception of brain and red blood cells, all cells in your body are capable of synthesizing or producing cholesterol. Cholesterol provides strength for cell walls; a way to use other sterols and every day, cholesterol is converted into bile acid, which helps protect from and dissolve gall stones.

In your blood stream cholesterol contains lipoproteins. These proteins carry antioxidants such as vitamin E, beta carotene, and CoQ10 that help protect you from cancer. When cholesterol is naturally low or forced low with drugs, cancer risks rises because protection is reduced.

When a clinical nutritionist sees a high test value for cholesterol we look to see what caused your body to increase cholesterol to help protect your brain and nerves. If

fat-soluble poisons are present, changing what you do or don't eat can help remove these "bad fats." With the poison gone, cells stop making excess cholesterol for protection.

So what don't we eat? Don't eat sugar, especially alcohol or any of the growing number of products with high fructose corn syrup. Stop all fried, salty, refined or processed foods, fatty dairy products or fatty meats. When we tell patients this, many tell us we have just eliminated everything they eat. In fact we have just described the Standard American or Aruban Diet (SAD).

Ok, what do we eat? Fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats, but not pork, whole grains like brown rice oats or quinoa, a Peruvian supergrain. Wheat is not the best choice for many people because of allergies and gluten intolerance. Fish that swim constantly in deep water are loaded with "good" HDL cholesterol which is needed to manufacture some very wonderful hormones, like sex hormones. Medicinal oils packed with HDL include: olive, evening primrose, black currant, flax, safflower and soy. Herbs that lower LDL/triglycerides (bad cholesterol) are Shiitake mushrooms, cayenne, ginger, cat's claw, garlic and turmeric.

"Good cholesterol" producing foods which include

essential fatty acids (EFA) rich in Omega 3, 6 and 9 in the correct proportions have changed with modern diets. Most of us are not getting enough Omega 3's and some of us are not getting enough of omega 3 and 6. Supplementing with Flax oil or Omega fish oils is more important than ever. Lecithin is good oil I consider a basic, especially for protecting the brain. Make sure you only use fish oils certified to be free of toxins like Mercury.

Eat smaller meals, especially before bed. While you sleep, the stomach also sleeps and food does not digest properly. Want to get all this under control quickly? Eat only brown rice for three weeks. Nothing else! Include lots of water and moderate exercise. It's always best to do a cleansing diet like this with the supervision of a clinical nutritionist.

Get the point! Not all cholesterol is bad. Cholesterol lowering drugs and their known side effects are not the only choice. We need good cholesterol to protect our brains and nerves. Changes in diet and lifestyle can naturally help control not only "bad" cholesterol, but you might find improvement with symptoms of high blood pressure, arthritis, and diabetes. Call us for a full evaluation of the good and the



bad of your health. Let us teach you how to turn the "ugly" into "beautiful!"

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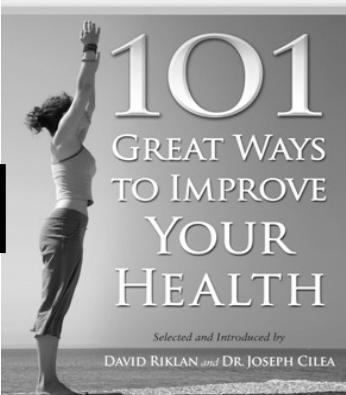
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# Bijleveld, Albayrak visit Aruba, Antilles

ARUBA--Dutch State Secretaries Ank Bijleveld-Schouten of Kingdom Relations (CDA) and Nebahat Albayrak of Justice (PvdA) are both on a working trip to Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles this week.

The topics of their visits are the process of constitutional change within the Dutch Kingdom for Bijleveld and the half-yearly Justice Tripartite Consultation for Albayrak. The visit started on Aruba Monday. Bijleveld and Albayrak held conversations with the Governor of Aruba

and Prime Minister Nelson Oduber. Albayrak was also to speak with Minister of Justice Rudy Croes and visit the prison of Aruba, while Bijleveld travelled on to Curaçao in the afternoon for a meeting with Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage.

Tuesday, both state secretaries visited Antillean Governor Frits Goedgedrag, while the Justice Tripartite Consultation is also on the agenda.

While in the evening State Secretary Albayrak held a speech with the title "Managed Migration," after which a

forum discussion on migration took place.

The political consultations between Bijleveld, the Netherlands Antilles, Curaçao and St. Maarten on the progress of constitutional change will take place in Willemstad on

Wednesday.

At the same time, Albayrak will visit Bonaire, where various acquaintance meetings will be held and a visit paid to the prison. Albayrak's business trip ends on Bonaire.

Thursday, June 25 is the last

day of Bijleveld's working trip. On that day she will talk to Curaçao Lieutenant Governor Lisa Dindial and Commissioner of Public Health Humphrey Davelaar about the Isla oil refinery and the pollution issue. □

## 'Cancelling Parliament vote not undemocratic'

WILLEMSTAD--Minister of Constitutional Affairs Roland Duncan (NA) wants clarity on and a fixed date for the implementation of the new constitutional structure. If it were up to him, Antillean Parliament elections do not have to be held in January 2010.

"It is absolutely not undemocratic not to hold elections for a country that is transferring tasks and will only continue to exist for a short period. That is what the law states, but laws can be changed," said

Duncan. "I understand there are persons in the opposition who want to get into government, but must we spend millions for a Central Government which will only last for another six months or a year?"

Duncan said he thought it rather undemocratic towards Curaçao and St. Maarten to prolong the process of their becoming countries. He hopes to obtain more clarity on when the statute laws will be ready during this week's negotiations with the Netherlands, which

will precede the Political Steering Group meeting on Wednesday. "These Kingdom laws cannot remain hanging in Dutch Parliament for ever."

"We must make headway with the transfer of Central Government tasks to the new countries St. Maarten and Curaçao," said Duncan. He admits it is difficult to terminate one-self. "Everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die; but it is the intention that we [the Central Government] will be terminated. At the moment, the Central Government is a liability."

"I do not see the Curaçao's problem at all," said the minister from St. Maarten. "Everything is in Curaçao. Six of the eight ministers come from Curaçao."

The Netherlands could also speed things along regarding the BES islands, according to Duncan. "It concerns 18,000 people. This is like a normal Dutch village. How much legislation do you need for 1,200-1,300 people in Saba?" he wondered. □

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# New govt has 'positive' meeting with Bijleveld

WILLEMSTAD -- The National Alliance (NA)/Heyliger government's firm commitment to attain country status and nothing less for St. Maarten was outlined by Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin to Dutch State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten in their first meeting Monday.

Marlin said in a statement Monday night that he had laid out the plans of the new Executive Council as far Constitutional Affairs were concerned and, in particular, plans for the realisation of Country Status for St. Maarten. He had also outlined the agreement reached with the Central Government last week to establish Central Government branches in St. Maarten to help "fast-

track" the setting up of the infrastructure for Country St. Maarten. He also informed the State Secretary of government's intention to expedite the passing of legislation for, among other things, the setting up of the office of an Ombudsman and for the establishment of the Gaming Control Board. He said the meeting had been conducted "in a very pleasant atmosphere". Constitutional Affairs Minister Roland Duncan (NA), Marlin and Constitutional Affairs Bureau Project Director Dennis Richardson met with Bijleveld-Schouten in Curaçao in an introductory session before Wednesday's Political Steering Group meeting during which a firm date for attainment of country status is expected

to be set. Duncan said the meeting had been positive so far, with both sides sharing information. When the meeting continued, the focus was on setting broad political terms for the attainment of country status and related matters.

Building a country is more than just getting it to look good on paper. There is a lot more to building a country, Duncan said. "We have to be able to provide the services the people need."

Duncan said providing

services in St. Maarten that always had been in the realm of the Curaçao-based Central Government would move a step forward with the signing of the agreement for the setting up in St. Maarten of branch offices of the Central Government departments and ministries. Meanwhile, news out of Aruba said Prime Minister Rudy Croes had indicated that Aruba would not be participating in either scheduled tripartite meeting on Justice or in the Political Steering Group meeting

during which the date for Curaçao's and St. Maarten's attainment of country status will be discussed. Aruba reportedly is concerned that the issue of the seat of the Joint Court of Justice is not on the agenda of the tripartite Justice meeting because of objections by the Dutch. Aruba wants the Joint Court to be based in Aruba but there is an impasse on the issue with the application of Article 43 of the Kingdom Charter being at the centre of the dispute. □

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FILE - In this June 6, 2008 file photo, a Wall Street street sign hangs near the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stocks ended mixed but little changed Tuesday, June 23, 2009, one day after a selloff.

(AP Photo/Jin Lee, file)

By MADLEN READ and TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK - Investors are holding off making big moves while they wait for the Federal Reserve.

Stocks ended little changed Tuesday, a day after the major indexes had their worst day in two months. Traders are looking for the central bank at its two-day meeting ending Wednesday to outline its expectations for the economy and signal when it might raise interest rates.

Investors reacted coolly to a report from the National Association of Realtors that May sales of existing homes rose 2.4 percent. The increase was smaller than economists' forecast for 2.8 percent, and not enough to alleviate anxiety about reports later in the week on durable goods orders, new home sales and personal spending.

"There's not a lot of conviction on behalf of buyers," said Jim Herrick, manager of equity trading at Baird & Co.

The Fed is widely expected to keep its key interest rate near zero, but investors are unsure how optimistic the policymakers will be in the economic assessment that accompanies their rate

decision, and whether the central bank will consider raising rates later this year to curb inflation.

Analysts say the Fed might dismantle some of the emergency supports it has put in place for the economy, a move that could make investors nervous. At its meeting in March, the Fed introduced \$1.2 trillion in spending that included the purchase of \$300 billion in government debt to help drive down interest rates. Rates fell, but have since come off their lows, leaving traders divided about whether policymakers will change their strategy.

Meanwhile, the market was following the week's \$104 billion in Treasury auctions. The government sold \$40 billion in debt Tuesday amid strong demand. Investors have been on edge during such auctions because any signs that a desire for government debt is waning could hit the market.

Treasury demand needs to stay strong for the government to finance its bailout and stimulus programs without significantly raising yields. Bond yields also affect borrowing rates for consumers.

The stock market is showing no signs of restarting the rally that

lifted the Standard & Poor's 500 index 32.3 percent since early March. Investors who three months ago were buying stocks on improved data like Tuesday's home sales report are now more dubious about when an economic recovery will actually take hold. The Dow Jones industrials shed 201 points on Monday. The Dow fell 16.10, or 0.2 percent, Tuesday to 8,322.91. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.06, or 0.2 percent,

to 895.10, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.27, or 0.1 percent, to 1,764.92.

The Dow has fallen for six out of the past seven days and closed at its lowest level since May 27.

The biggest loser among the 30 Dow stocks was Boeing Co., which fell \$3.03, or 6.5 percent, to \$43.87 after again delaying the first test flight of its long-awaited 787 jetliner. The company said it needed to reinforce part of the aircraft.

While stocks have been pulling back for weeks, their retreat has been accompanied by very little volatility, and that's a positive sign, said Scott Fullman, director of derivatives investment strategy for WJB Capital Group in New York. "The fact is, you can't keep going straight up," Fullman said. "There's a chance we'll still see some downward movement in the next week or two — the market really needs a correction." □

## Oracle tops forecasts despite sales, profit dip

By JORDAN ROBERTSON,  
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO - Software maker Oracle Corp.'s results topped Wall Street's forecast for the latest quarter Tuesday, despite a 5 percent drop in sales and a 7 percent decline in profit.

The company blamed the declines on the effects of a stronger dollar — which makes deals done in other currencies translate into fewer greenbacks. Companies also have been shelling out less for new software because of the recession.

Still, Oracle's chief financial officer, Jeff Epstein, said in a statement that Oracle executed "substantially better" than the company expected. Oracle offered a sales forecast for the current quarter that was slightly better than expected, while its profit forecast was within the expected range.

Oracle, which is based in Redwood Shores, Calif., said after the market closed Tuesday that its net income from March through May was \$1.89 billion, or 38 cents per share. In the same period last year, it was \$2.04 billion, or 39 cents per share.

Excluding stock-based compensation and one-time items, Oracle said it earned 46 cents per share, which was 2 cents better than the average estimate of analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

Sales fell to \$6.86 billion, nearly \$400 million better than the analyst estimate.

Sales of new software licenses fell 13 percent to \$2.74 billion, indicating that Oracle's customers are being tightfisted about

upgrading their computer systems with new programs.

They still have to maintain their older software, though, and in most cases they'll pay Oracle to do it. Oracle's revenue from software license updates and product support bumped up 8 percent to \$3.05 billion in the latest quarter. That segment made up 44 percent of Oracle's overall revenue.

Oracle is the world's leading maker of database software, and has been expanding aggressively into other areas, like business applications. It's even going to make hardware now, provided its \$7.4 billion acquisition of server manufacturer Sun Microsystems Inc. goes through this summer as expected.

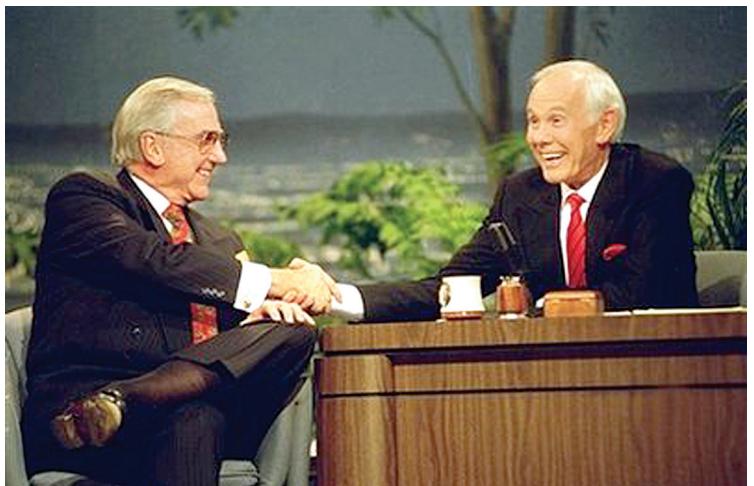
With the acquisition, Oracle will become more of a one-stop technology shop, like IBM Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

The latest period was Oracle's fiscal fourth quarter. For all of fiscal 2009, Oracle's sales notched 4 percent higher to \$23.25 billion. Full-year profit was \$5.59 billion, a 1 percent increase over fiscal 2008.

For the current quarter, Oracle expects revenue to decline 1 percent to 4 percent from last year. Analysts had been predicting a 5 percent decline.

Profit should be 29 cents to 31 cents per share, excluding one-time items, Oracle said. Analysts were expecting 30 cents per share. Oracle's stock was up 49 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$20.36 in after-hours trading. During the regular session, before the results were announced, Oracle shares closed down 10 cents at \$19.87. □

# 'Tonight' sidekick Ed McMahon dies in LA at 86



FILE - In this May 22, 1992 file photo, Ed McMahon, left, shakes hands with talk show host Johnny Carson, during the final taping of the 'Tonight Show' in Burbank, Calif. McMahon has died at a Los Angeles hospital, according to his publicist. He was 86.

(AP Photo/Douglas C. Pizac, File)

By LYNN ELBER,  
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES - Ed McMahon, the loyal "Tonight" show sidekick who bolstered boss Johnny Carson with guffaws and a resounding "H-e-e-e-e-e-ere's Johnny!" for 30 years, died early Tuesday. He was 86. McMahon died shortly after midnight at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center surrounded by his wife, Pam, and other family members, said his publicist, Howard Bragman. Bragman didn't give a cause of death, saying only that McMahon had a "multitude of health problems the last few months."

McMahon broke his neck in a fall in March 2007, and battled a series of financial problems as his injuries prevented him from working.

Doc Severinsen, "Tonight" bandleader during most of the Carson era, said McMahon was a man "full of life and joy and celebration."

"He will be sorely missed. He was one of the greats in show business, but most of all he was a gentleman. I miss my friend," Severinsen said in a statement. Don Rickles, a frequent "Tonight" guest, said McMahon was "a friend from the day I first walked" onto the show's stage.

"That kind of fun will never be repeated. Ed was the best at what he did and will never be replaced. Another giant is gone," the comedian said.

"I will miss that laugh, and I will miss him," said Bob Newhart, another "Tonight" regular.

David Letterman paid tribute to McMahon as a "true broadcaster" and key part of Carson's show.

"Ed McMahon's voice at 11:30 was a signal that something great was about to happen. Ed's introduction of Johnny was a classic broadcasting ritual — reassuring and exciting," Letterman said, adding, "We will miss him."

Letterman's bandleader, Paul Shaffer, said McMahon "defined professionalism in broadcasting."

David Brenner, who often filled in as a guest host for Carson, called McMahon "the best sidekick TV has ever known."

"He was a human GPS navigational system, guiding you in all the right directions, keeping you from going off course, rerouting you when you did and making all of it great fun," Brenner said.

Jerry Digney, who was McMahon's longtime publicist, said McMahon was the most "courtly, good-natured person you could ever meet" and that he brought "elegance, humor and a new sense of importance" to the role of second banana.

McMahon and Carson had worked together for nearly five years on the game show "Who Do You Trust?" when Carson took over NBC's late-night show from Jack Paar in October 1962. McMahon played second banana on "Tonight" until Carson retired in 1992.

"You can't imagine hooking up with a guy like Carson," McMahon said in an interview

with The Associated Press in 1993. "There's the old phrase, hook your wagon to a star. I hitched my wagon to a great star." McMahon, who never failed to laugh at his Carson's quips, kept his supporting role in perspective.

"It's like a pitcher who has a favorite catcher," he said. "The pitcher gets a little help from the catcher, but the pitcher's got to throw the ball. Well, Johnny Carson had to throw the ball, but I could give him a little help."

"And now h-e-e-e-e-e-ere's Johnny!" was McMahon's trademark opener for each "Tonight" show, followed by a small, respectful bow toward the star. McMahon's style was honed during his youthful days as a carnival hawker. The highlight for McMahon came just after the monologue, when he and Carson would chat before the guests took the stage.

"We would just have a free-for-all," he said in the AP interview. "Now to sit there, with one of the brightest, most well-read men I've ever met,

the funniest, and just to hold your own in that conversation. ... I loved that."

When Carson died in 2005, McMahon said he was "like a brother to me," and recalled bantering with him on the phone a few months earlier. "We could have gone on (television) that night and done a 'Carnac' skit. We were that crisp and hot."

McMahon's medical and financial problems kept him in the headlines in his last years. It was reported in June 2008 that he was facing possible foreclosure on his Beverly Hills home. By year's end, a deal was worked out allowing him to stay in his home, but legal action involving other alleged debts continued.

Among those who had stepped up with offers of help was Donald Trump.

"When I was at the Wharton School of Business I'd watch him every night," Trump told the Los Angeles Times in August. "How could this happen?"

McMahon even spoofed his own problems with a spot that

aired during the 2009 Super Bowl promoting a cash-for-gold business. Pairing up with rap artist MC Hammer, he explained how easy it is to turn gold items into cash, jokingly saying "Goodbye, old friend" to a gold toilet and rolling out a convincing "H-e-e-e-e-e-ere's money!"

Born Edward Leo Peter McMahon Jr. on March 6, 1923, in Detroit, McMahon grew up in Lowell, Mass. He got his start on television playing a circus clown on the 1950-51 variety series "Big Top." But the World War II Marine veteran interrupted his career to serve as a fighter pilot in Korea.

He joined "Who Do You Trust?" in 1958, its second year, the start of his long association with Carson. It was a partnership that outlasted their multiple marriages, which provided regular on-air fodder for jokes.

While Carson built his career around "Tonight" and withdrew from the limelight after his retirement, McMahon took a different path. □



FILE - In this file publicity image released by TLC, reality TV stars, Jon Gosselin, left, and his wife Kate Gosselin, from the TLC series, 'Jon & Kate Plus 8,' are shown.

(AP Photo/TLC, Karen Alquist, File)

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM,  
Associated Press Writer

ALLEN TOWN, Pa. - Kate Gosselin says in divorce papers that she and her husband Jon have lived "separate and apart" for at least two years. Gosselin filed for divorce Monday in Montgomery County Court in Pennsylvania, saying in papers that her 10-

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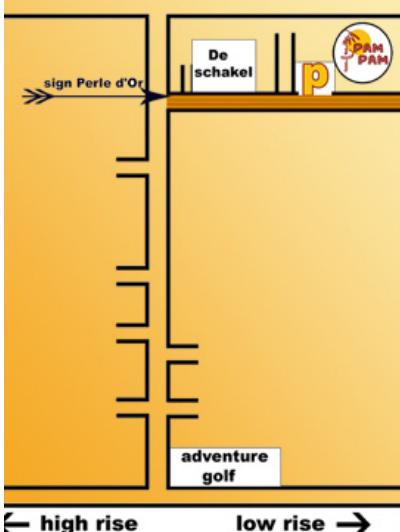
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## Obama lays down harder line on Iran violence

JENNIFER LOVEN

AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dramatically hardening the U.S. reaction to Iran's disputed elections and bloody aftermath, President Barack Obama on Tuesday condemned the violence against protesters and lent his strongest support yet to their accusations the hardline victory was a fraud.

Obama, who has been accused by some Republicans of being too timid in his response to events in Iran, declared himself "appalled and outraged" by the deaths and intimidation in Tehran's streets — and scoffed at suggestions he was toughening his rhetoric in response to the criticism.

He suggested Iran's leaders will face consequences if they continue "the threats, the beatings and imprisonments" against protesters. But he repeatedly declined to say what actions the U.S. might take, retaining — for now — the option of pursuing diplomatic engagement with Iran's leaders over its suspected nuclear weapons program.

"We don't know yet how this thing is going to play out," the president said. "It is not too late for the Iranian government to recognize that there is a peaceful path that will lead to stability and legitimacy and prosperity for the Iranian people. We hope they take it."

Obama borrowed language from struggles throughout history against oppressive governments to condemn the efforts by Iran's rulers to crush dissent in the wake of June 12

presidential elections. Citing the searing video circulated worldwide of the apparent shooting death of Neda Agha Soltan, a 26-year-old young woman who bled to death in a Tehran street and now is a powerful symbol for the demonstrators, Obama said flatly that human rights violations were taking place.

"No iron fist is strong enough to shut off the world from bearing witness to peaceful protests of justice," he said during a nearly hourlong White House news conference dominated by the unrest in Iran. "Those who stand up for justice are always on the right side of history." The eighth extended news conference of Obama's presidency also veered into the intricacies of the U.S. health care reform debate, the effectiveness of the economic stimulus package and a revealing personal moment in which he acknowledged he still is an occasional smoker despite trying to quit.

The past 10 days in Iran have posed the strongest challenge to that nation's clerical rule since the system was established 30 years ago in the 1979 Islamic revolution. Before Tuesday, Obama mostly kept to a modulated response, calculating that, given Iranians' distrust of American involvement in their country, anything viewed as internal meddling from the White House would do the demonstrators more harm than good.

He also is deeply interested in preserving his promised policy concerning Iran and the threat its nuclear program poses:

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## NTSB: Train in D.C. crash should have been replaced



Investigators and officials continue to work at the scene of a rush-hour collision between two Metro transit trains in northeast Washington, D.C., Tuesday morning, June 23, 2009.

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BRIAN WITTE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An emergency brake button was found depressed in the Metrorail train that crashed into another in Monday's transit accident that killed the engineer and eight other people in the nation's capital, federal safety officials said Tuesday. They said the train that rear-ended the other was under automatic rather than manual control.

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In this April 14, 2007 file photo, U.S. soldiers patrol the air base during a joint military exercise with France, at the U.S. Manas Air Base, located near the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

*Associated Press*

## U.S., Kyrgyzstan reach deal on air base use

LEILA SARALAYEVA

Associated Press Writer

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — The former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan tentatively approved a deal on Tuesday that should allow the U.S. to continue shipping military hardware and troops crucial to operations in Afghanistan through an air base in the Central Asian state.

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In this image issued by the semi official Iranian Students News Agency, Tuesday, June 23, 2009, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, attends a meeting with lawmakers at the presidency in Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday.

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He contends the danger has only grown through decades of ruptured diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Tehran, particularly in the past eight years under President George W. Bush, and it is time to try to change that by re-establishing direct talks.

But Obama has been taken to task by some Republicans,

accused of being too passive. Even with Iran's blackout of foreign press and attempted communications shutdowns, chaotic images of riot police beating and shooting protesters have seized the world's attention. At least 17 people have been killed.

Last Sunday, Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, said: "The president of the United States is supposed to lead the

free world, not follow it. He's been timid and passive more than I would like."

Obama chose a less cautious approach on Tuesday, more directly challenging Iran's leaders to ease off and holding out the possibility of consequences if they do not. "The Iranian government should understand that how they handle the dissent within their own country, generated indigenously, internally, from the Iranian people, will help shape the tone, not only for Iran's future, but also its relationship to other countries," Obama said.

He made clear that one recent overture to Iran — the authorization for U.S. embassies to invite Iranian officials to July 4 Independence Day parties — was likely to disappear without changes. "That's a choice the Iranians are going to have to make," Obama said.

With an array of U.S. sanctions already in place against Iran, there are few options at Obama's disposal other than withdrawing his offer to talk.

Regardless, Obama said it is too early for him to be more specific. "We are going to monitor and see how this plays itself out before we make any judgments about how we proceed," he said.

Obama was plainer than ever that the protesters' beliefs that the election was stolen from opposition candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi may be legitimate. The government declared an overwhelming re-election victory for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and, while promising to look into scattered reports of irregularities, has ruled out annulling those results.

"We can't say definitively what exactly happened at polling places throughout the country," Obama said. "What we know is that a sizable percentage of the Iranian people themselves, spanning Iranian society, consider this election illegitimate. It's not an isolated instance, a little grumbling here or there. There is significant question about the legitimacy of the election."

In Obama's comments, there also was a notable shift away from previous respectful references to Iran's most powerful cleric, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as the "Supreme Leader." Obama didn't use the term on Tuesday.

Asked if his stronger language was influenced by pressure from Republicans such as Graham and Sen. John McCain, Obama scoffed: "What do you think?" And he shot back at Republican critics: "Only I'm the president of the United States."

Advisers realize the new tone poses a risk that the U.S. president will become a scapegoat for Iran's leaders — just what Obama has sought to avoid. Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe a sensitive strategy, said the disturbing images of the past few days warranted the tougher stance.

"I congratulate him for that, and we need to keep the pressure on them," House Minority Leader John Boehner, said after the news conference. □

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# Gates approves creation of new cyber command

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates formally ordered the creation Tuesday of a new military cyber command that will coordinate the Pentagon's efforts to defend its networks and conduct cyberwarfare.

A three-page memo signed by Gates orders U.S. Strategic Command to begin plans to set up a subcommand and be prepared to provide an implementation plan by Sept. 1, and begin initial operation no later than October.

Officials have said the new command would be located at Fort Meade in Maryland, just north of Washington, and would be fully ready to go by the end of next year. Gates said in his memo that he is recommending that the director of the National Security Agency, currently Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, be tapped to lead the command, in a dual role with his current responsibilities. That job would be upgraded to a four-star general slot.

"Our increasing dependency on cyberspace, alongside a growing array of cyber threats and vulnerabilities, adds a new element of risk to our national security," Gates said in the memo, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

He added that the new command "must be capable of synchronizing war fighting effects across the global security environment

as well as providing support to civil authorities and international partners."

While the reorganization is just beginning, one senior defense official said the command is not expected to be very large. It would likely involve hundreds, rather than thousands of employees, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal decisions.

The low-key launch of the new military unit reflects the Pentagon's fear that the military might be seen as taking control over the nation's computer networks.

Creation of the command, said Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn at a recent meeting of cyber experts, "will not represent the militarization of cyberspace."

Lynn said the focus of the command will be on the military's 15,000 networks and its 7 million computers, noting that commanders depend on those systems in battle.

The military, he said, needs to be able to respond to any intrusion or attack "at network speed."

Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, ranking Republican on the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, said he was pleased with the move to increase the military's capabilities in cyberspace, and he urged the Pentagon to work with lawmakers as plans progress. House and Senate members have been



Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks at the U.S. Central Command's Gulf States Chiefs of Defense Conference, Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at a hotel in Washington.

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working on legislation aimed at bolstering the nation's cyber coordination.

Pentagon officials have stressed in recent weeks that the cyber command will not infringe on the Department of Homeland Security, which is the lead agency for other federal digital systems.

President Barack Obama has announced plans to name a cyber coordinator for the White House, in order to coordinate better the nation's efforts to protect critical computer networks and work more closely with private industry, which owns or controls key financial, electrical and other systems.

The United States, Obama said this month, is not as prepared as it should be to face threats of cyber

espionage or other attacks. Government and military officials have acknowledged that U.S. computer networks are constantly assailed by attacks and scans, ranging from nuisance hacking to more nefarious probes and attacks. Some suggest that

the actions at times are a form of cyber espionage from other nations, among them China.

Officials disclosed this year an attack against the electrical grid, and computers at the Pentagon were infected by a virus. □

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## New GOP tack: Will Sotomayor uphold Constitution?



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., second from left, talks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 23, 2009, following the policy luncheons. From left are, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., McConnell, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

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By LAURIE KELLMAN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — Senate  
Republicans on Tuesday

unveiled a new narrative ahead of Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation hearings, questioning her commitment

to constitutional guarantees on the right to keep and bear arms and equal treatment under the law regardless of race or gender.

The senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee even questioned whether Sotomayor sufficiently opposes terrorism, citing what he said was the "extensive work" she had done for a group formerly named the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"This is a group that has taken some very shocking positions with respect to terrorism," Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama said.

Sessions said the group, now called Latino Justice PRLDEF, in 1990 came to the defense of Puerto Rican nationalists who

36 years earlier had wounded five lawmakers during an attack on the House while it was in session.

In multiple public and private speeches Tuesday, GOP senators began weaving a few select themes through their remarks and stepped carefully around others that could alienate constituencies Sotomayor represents. Without enough votes to filibuster or stop Sotomayor's confirmation to the Supreme Court, Republicans have few tools even to slow it down.

The Republican messaging from now through the confirmation hearings beginning July 13 includes issues popular among conservatives: Sotomayor's commitment to Second

Amendment gun rights, her opinions on whether the Fifth Amendment protects against public takings without just compensation and on the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

Sotomayor worked with the legal defense and education fund in 1990 when New York Mayor David Dinkins called the nationalist attackers "assassins," and a Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund official said Dinkins' terminology was insensitive.

"The president of the organization continued explaining, that for many people in Puerto Rico, these men were fighters for freedom and justice," Sessions said Tuesday.

"So, I wonder if she agreed with that statement and if she agreed that the mayor of New York's comments were insensitive?"

Republicans said they have clarified their strategy in recent days by documents Sotomayor has turned over to the Judiciary Committee in advance of her confirmation hearings. □

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Twenty-four hours after the deadly accident, crews were dismantling the wreckage as federal investigator gave their first readings on what might have caused the trailing train to plow into the other, which had been stopped before entering a station in northeast Washington.

A National Transportation Safety Board investigator, Debbie Hersman, said it was unclear whether the emergency brake was engaged when the crash occurred. But she said the button, known to operators as the "mushroom," was found pushed down in the operator's compartment.

Hersman said investigators are seeking possible cell phone and text-messaging records from the train operator to determine whether she was distracted before the crash.

Hersman said that request was standard procedure. The safety board has emphasized in the past that train operators should not have their attention diverted while operating trains.

Safety officials also are investigating a passenger's statement that the train had stopped briefly then started again before the crash.

Speaking about the advanced age of the cars in the trailing train, Hersman said the Metrorail transit system kept the old trains

running despite warnings in 2006.

It was unclear what caused the crash and whether the cars' age played a role in the rush-hour accident.

The crash sent more than 70 people to hospitals. Two men and seven women were killed.

Mayor Adrian Fenty identified eight of them but would not confirm the identity of the train operator who was killed, although she was named by Metro. Hersman said investigators expect to recover recorders from a newer train that was stopped along the tracks waiting for another to clear the station ahead. But the old train that barreled down the tracks and triggered the collision

was part of an aging fleet and not equipped with the devices, which can provide valuable information on the cause of a crash. Hersman told The Associated Press

that the NTSB had warned of safety problems and recommended the old fleet be phased out or retrofitted to make it withstand a crash better. Neither was done, she said, which the NTSB considered "unacceptable."

It was the worst crash in the history of Metrorail, the pride of the District of Columbia tourism industry, which has shuttled tourists and commuters around Washington and to Maryland and Virginia suburbs for more than three



Debbie Hersman, with the National Transportation Safety Board, center, accompanied by Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, right, and others, speaks to the media in Washington, Tuesday, June 23, 2009, near the site where two metro trains collided Monday.

Associated Press

decades.

The operator of the train that collided into the stopped cars was identified as Jeanice McMillan, 42, according to Metro officials.

McMillan was hired in March 2007 as a bus driver and was tapped to become a train operator in December, but it was not immediately clear whether she had control of the cars.

Metro has a computerized system on most trains during rush hour that is supposed to control braking and speeds and to prevent collisions. The system has failed before.

In June 2005, in a tunnel under the Potomac River, a train operator noticed he

was getting too close to the train ahead of him even though the system indicated the track was clear. He hit the emergency brake in time, as did the operator of another train behind him.

Metro spokeswoman Candace Smith did not know the outcome of the investigation into that incident, which she called

"highly unusual."

The crash occurred Monday on the red line near the Washington-Maryland border, in an area where higher train speeds are common because the stops are farther apart. Trains can go 55 to 59 miles per hour, although the train's speed has not yet been determined. □

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Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, shakes hands with Kyrgyzstan President Kurmanbek Bakiyev during the annual meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, or SCO, in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, Russia, Monday, June 15, 2009. Leaders from Central Asia, China and Afghanistan joined Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev on Monday at a summit that underscored Moscow's determination to maintain influence in its backyard and seek a stronger voice in global economic issues.

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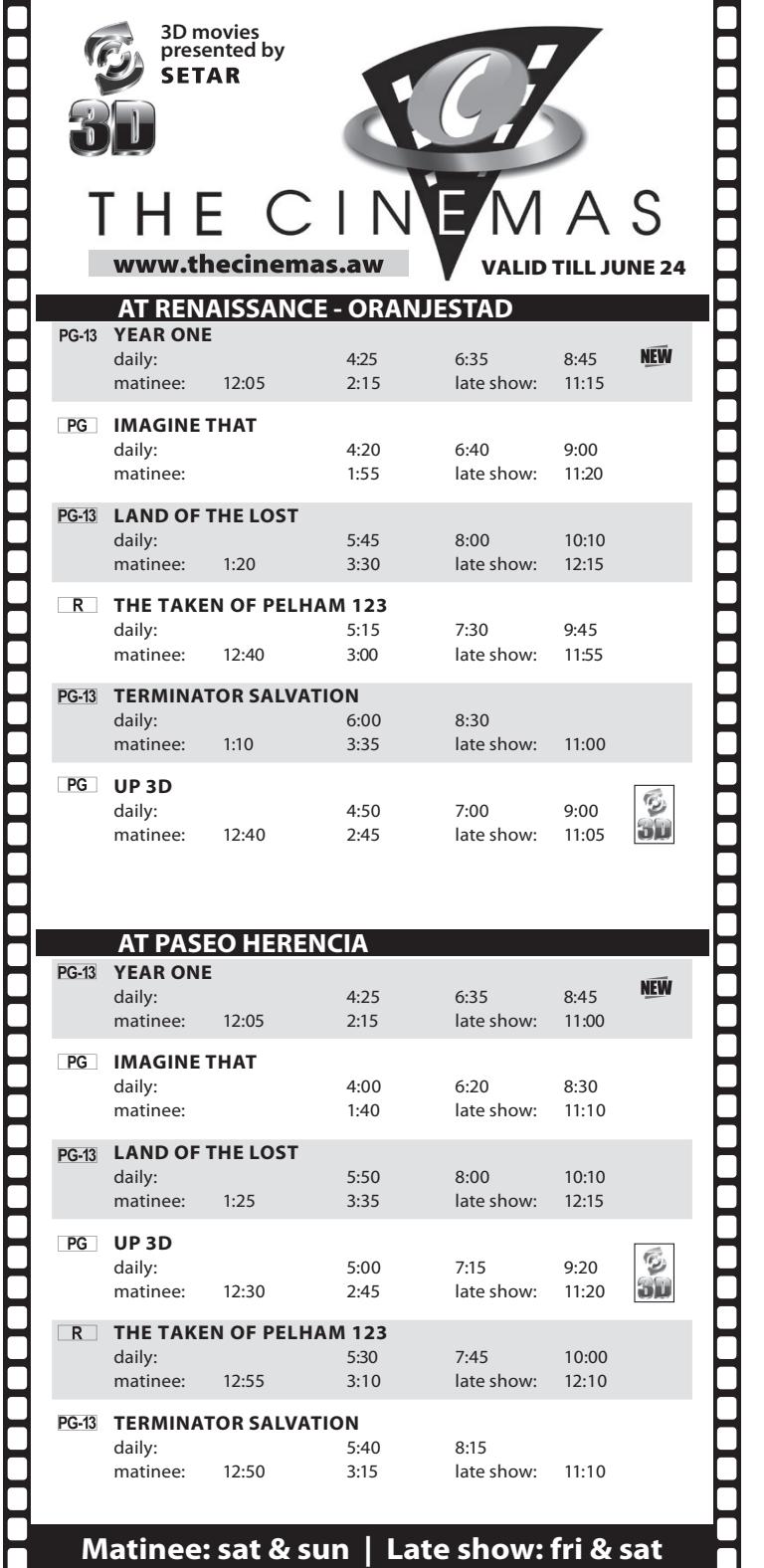
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U.S. forces had in February been ordered out of the Manas air base by a presidential decree that stunned Washington and drew suspicion that Kyrgyzstan was acting under the influence of Russia, which staunchly opposes Western military presence near its borders. Russia also has a base in Kyrgyzstan.

But the deal approved Tuesday by a Kyrgyz parliamentary committee apparently would allow the American base to remain open and continue to be used by U.S. forces to transport weaponry and ammunition. That should provide a much-needed boost as the U.S.-led coalition ramps up its military operations against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan. The deal's biggest change is likely to be the cost — more than three times the current \$17.4 million annual rent for the base.

The final details of the deal, however, are likely to remain unclear at least Friday, when the full Kyrgyz parliament is expected to vote, but a significant departure from the current arrangement was not expected.

As well as troops and armor transit, the Manas base is used to refuel tanker planes that administer air-to-air refueling of allied jets circling Afghan skies — and is also a key medical evacuation point.

U.S. forces have had access to Manas, outside Bishkek, since 2001. The base became even more important to the

Afghan war effort after neighboring Uzbekistan evicted U.S. troops from a base there.

Militants have stepped up attacks on the main route for U.S. military supplies to Afghanistan through Pakistan — although the military maintains this has little impact on its operations.

Analysts, meanwhile, say Russia, which grudgingly accepted the agreement, may have approved it in the hope of U.S. concessions on issues that have badly strained its relations with Washington — such as NATO's possible expansion eastward and a planned U.S. missile defense complex in central Europe.

“Reaching this agreement is, of course, Kyrgyzstan's sovereign right,” said a Russian Foreign Ministry statement released after Tuesday's deal was announced.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev stunned

Washington in February when he announced that U.S. forces would be evicted from Manas, saying Washington was not paying enough, among other concerns.

The announcement followed within hours of Moscow's pledge of more than \$2 billion in aid, loans and investment for Kyrgyzstan. On Tuesday, Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Kadyrbek Sarbayev said his country is concerned about the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the possibility that it could destabilize the entire Central Asia region.

That is a reversal of the

position in February, when official statements cited improving Afghan security as a reason for closing Manas.

President Barack Obama recently sent a message of thanks to Bakiyev for Kyrgyzstan's support of U.S.-led military operations in Afghanistan, according to U.S. Embassy officials in Bishkek. Sarbayev told Russian lawmakers that in addition to the rise in lease costs, Washington also will allocate \$37 million to build new aircraft parking slots and storage areas, plus \$30 million for new navigation systems. The U.S. Embassy called the Kyrgyz committee's decision a crucial boost for coalition forces.

“We applaud the decision by the Kyrgyz Republic to continue to play a key role as the international community broadens and deepens its commitment to bringing stability and security to Afghanistan and the region,” spokeswoman Michelle Yerkin said.

Manas' outgoing commander said the past year has been the busiest for the base because of the situation in Afghanistan. Col. Christopher Bence said last week that 189,000 personnel had been sent to and from Afghanistan through Manas in the past year. There were 6,370 flights from the base, and it refueled aircraft with 204 million pounds of fuel, he said. Last week, Afghan leader Hamid Karzai asked Bakiyev to allow coalition forces to continue using Manas. □

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## Officials: No black box signals from Flight 447

BY ANGELA CHARLTON

Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — French military ships searching for the black boxes of Flight 447 have detected sounds in the Atlantic depths but they are not from the Air France plane's flight recorders, French officials said Tuesday.

The officials and French investigators denied a report on the Web site of the French newspaper Le Monde that French ships had picked up a signal from the black boxes. The two recorders, key to helping determine what happened to the plane that plunged into the ocean May 31, will only continue to emit signals for another eight days or so.

French vessels in the search area have picked up noises regularly, but subsequent investigation has revealed no link to the black boxes, French military spokesman Christophe Prazuck told Associated Press Television News.

"The black boxes have not been found. The black boxes have not been located. We're still looking for the black boxes," Prazuck said

in English.

"Regularly they have alerts. They hear noises that could be related to the black boxes so they have to investigate these noises," he added, saying the French authorities "never" have had confirmation that any of the sounds detected were related to the black boxes.

AspokesmanfortheBrazilian navy had no comment on the Le Monde report, and referred all questions to French investigators. The Brazilian military has led the search and recovery efforts for bodies and debris, but the French are in charge of investigating the crash and the hunt for the black boxes. The Airbus A330 plane came down in the Atlantic after running into thunderstorms en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. All 228 people aboard were killed. The cause of the crash remains unclear.

The French air accident investigation agency, BEA, said in a statement Tuesday that "no signals transmitted by the flight recorders' locator beacons have been validated up to now."

The BEA said work is

continuing "aimed at eliminating any doubts related to any sounds that may be heard, and any findings will be made public."

Last week, BEA director Paul-Louis Arslanian sternly warned against any unconfirmed leaks in the investigation, saying they could mislead the public and unnecessarily worry or encourage the families.

Le Monde said a mini research submarine, the Nautile, dived Monday to search for the boxes based on a "very weak signal" from the flight recorders picked up by the French ships. Searchers from Brazil, France, the United States and other countries are methodically scanning the Atlantic for signs of the plane.

Two French-chartered ships are trolling a search area with a radius of 50 miles (80 kilometers), pulling U.S. Navy underwater listening devices attached to 19,700 feet (6,000 meters) of cable. A French submarine is also searching.

"There is no news yet, no false reports came from us,"



In this photo released by Brazil's Navy, pieces of debris of the Air France Flight 447 are seen on the Brazil's navy ship Caboclo, at the port of Recife, Brazil, Friday, June 19, 2009.

Associated Press

said U.S. Air Force Col. Willie Berges, the Brazil-based commander of the American military forces

supporting the search. A 10-person team from the United States is on each of the ships pulling the locator devices, which continue to search.

The black boxes send out an electronic tapping sound that can be heard up to 1.25 miles (2 kilometers) away.

Eleven of 50 bodies recovered from the flight have been identified. The international police agency Interpol said Tuesday they are eight Brazilians, one

with joint Brazilian-German citizenship, one Brazilian-Swiss and a British national.

Interpol said its specialists are working alongside Brazilian forensic examiners and that the DNA and other material from the bodies is being collated and compared to other data in a central Interpol database.

Dental records, fingerprints and DNA samples were used to identify the bodies. Investigators are reviewing all remains, debris and baggage at a base set up in Recife, Brazil. □

# Assassination in Pakistan exposes Taliban rifts



In this June 7, 2009 file photo, the leader of Taliban faction Qari Zainuddin, second right, accompanied by his bodyguards is seen in his office in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan. Zainuddin, who criticized the militant group's Pakistani head over attacks that killed civilians, was fatally shot Tuesday, June 23, 2009 reportedly by one of his own guards.

KATHY GANNON

Associated Press Writer

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)

— The assassination of the leader of a renegade Pakistani Taliban faction by one of his own men Tuesday underscores a growing rift in the ranks of the militant group as it braces for an impending army assault in the volatile northwest.

Qari Zainuddin's killing sets back government hopes of exploiting these internal divisions in the South Waziristan tribal region, where the army has been



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anonymity because it would compromise their jobs.

Mehsud has humbled the Pakistani army in past battles and has been closing ranks this year by forging fresh alliances with other powerful Taliban leaders and killing off opponents. Although Zainuddin was never seen as a serious challenger to Mehsud, the government had clearly hoped his outspoken criticism of the Taliban leader would foster others to defect and help the army with tips on where to find him.

Aides to the slain Taliban official said a guard walked into Zainuddin's office after morning prayers and opened fire at about 7 a.m., hitting him in the head and chest, and then fled in a waiting car. Baz Mohammad, a Zainuddin aide who was wounded, accused Mehsud of ordering the assassination.

Zainuddin had recently criticized Mehsud for using suicide bombings to target civilians and, more importantly in his view, clerics inside mosques.

"It was definitely Baitullah's man who infiltrated our ranks, and he has done his job," Mohammad told The Associated Press, vowing to avenge the death.

But that will be no easy task, as shown by the military's challenges in going after Mehsud in the tribal lands on the Afghan border, where he is based. Instead of a full-on confrontation, the army has been using airstrikes and artillery to try to soften up his men's entrenched positions by attacking suspected hide-outs and training camps from far away.

The Obama administration supports anti-militant operations, seeing them as a measure of Pakistan's resolve in combating a growing insurgency. The battle could also help the war in Afghanistan because militants have launched cross-border attacks on coalition troops there.

Mahmood Shah, a former top security official, said the slaying sends a message to the government that only a major operation would have a chance

of defeating Mehsud.

"Baitullah Mehsud has overcome all tribal dynamics. He has resources, funding and a fighting force to strike anywhere in Pakistan," Shah said, calling him a front man for al-Qaida and his home base of South Waziristan the "epicenter in the war on terror."

Mehsud has been accused of masterminding the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and of sending scores of suicide bombers across Pakistan, fostering the creation of an alliance of Taliban commanders against him barely a month ago.

The strength of the mutineers — led by Zainuddin, Turkestan, Bhittani and Commander Amir Thesil — is dwarfed by Mehsud's army, said a tribal leader from South Waziristan who asked not to be identified because he feared either Mehsud or Mehsud's enemies would kill him. He estimated Mehsud's strength at upward of 12,000 fighters, including Pakistanis, Afghans, Arabs, Uzbeks, Burmese, Chinese and even some Americans and Australians.

"They have control of the whole Mehsud area," the tribal leader said, referring to a 2,500-square-mile (4,000-kilometer) swath of land in the remote, mountainous tribal zone. "He will be difficult to eliminate. The Pakistani forces will face a tough fight."

That battle may be harder with Zainuddin's assassination.

"Any further defections from Baitullah Mehsud might not take place," Shah said, adding that Zainuddin's value to the government was as a potential informant who "could tell where the hideouts would have been."

Army spokesman Gen. Athar Abbas said that the military has not helped any of the anti-Mehsud Taliban forces, which he said have not demonstrated an ability to protect themselves.

"The government may be engaging with them and may be doing whatever at a political level," said Abbas, but the military isn't ready to partner with any insurgents

who "might end up being a future problem for us."

Zainuddin, who broke with Mehsud in 2007, was estimated to have about 3,000 armed followers in the towns of Dera Ismail Khan and nearby Tank. Although Zainuddin too had a ruthless past, he denounced Mehsud this month for recent attacks on mosques that killed clerics and civilians, bombings apparently in retaliation for the army offensive in the northwestern Swat Valley. Residents of South Waziristan are taking a wait-and-see approach to the Pakistani military operation, reluctant to show outright support for an army they worry will not complete the job.

"You have to know that among the tribes we will follow whoever is the strongest," said the tribal leader. A shura, or council of elders, for the Mehsud tribe was held June 16, but the tribal leaders, who had previously endorsed Mehsud, broke up without any decision except to meet again. "They are waiting to see what happens. Before, whenever they met they gave their support to Mehsud. This time they want to wait and see what happens with the military and the government," the tribal leader said. "Their silence means they are waiting."

The renegade Taliban agree on the need to fight U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. In a telephone interview last weekend from his home in South Waziristan, Bhittani told The Associated Press that while he wanted Mehsud dead, jihad against foreigners in Afghanistan is "every good Muslim's duty."

It's in the tribal regions, which share a 1,560-mile (2,500-kilometer) border with Afghanistan, that the United States says al-Qaida revived after the U.S.-led invasion that drove the Taliban from power in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The assassination comes four months after Mehsud successfully consolidated his hold on the Tehrik-e-Taliban, a two-year-old organization which claims to represent Taliban leaders from across Pakistan's tribal belt. □

# Hurricane Andres forms off Mexico's Pacific coast

NATALIA PARRA

Associated Press Writer

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)

— The tropical tempest Andres strengthened into the Pacific season's first hurricane Tuesday, flooding homes, toppling trees and killing at least one person as it swiped Mexico's southwestern coast with wind and rain.

Andres packed maximum winds near 75 mph, just over the threshold of hurricane strength, but was expected to weaken over the next day or two, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

The center of the storm as of 5 p.m. EDT was about 65 miles west-southwest of the port city of Manzanillo. Moving near 13 mph toward the northwest, it was forecast to pass very close to or over the southwestern coast later Tuesday.

Mexican authorities had posted a hurricane warning for the coastal strip from just south of Manzanillo to near Puerto Vallarta, and heavy rain flooded homes and wind blew down trees in the states of Jalisco, Colima and Guerrero.

Rain poured down Tuesday on the port of Manzanillo, where authorities opened 14 shelters amid forecasts that the storm would likely graze the city.

Forecasters said Andres would then churn past tourist towns such as Barra de Navidad that are home to some American and Canadian expatriates.

It was raining lightly in Barra de Navidad on Tuesday afternoon but hotels were already preparing for the storm.

"We've been collecting candles, flashlights and

other lights that don't use electricity, and we've been collecting bedspreads and sheets in case of an evacuation," said Mari Oregon, who works at Hotel La Alondra.

To the south, rain on Monday caused flooding in the resort of Acapulco that forced about 200 people to evacuate their homes. A fisherman drowned when choppy currents overturned his boat in a lagoon in Tecpan de Galeana, between Acapulco and Zihuatanejo, a state police report said. The sun peeked through cloudy skies in Acapulco on Tuesday, but the government closed all schools.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Andres could bring a coastal storm surge as much as 3 feet above normal while dumping as much as 8 inches of rain in



Rain and strong waves hit the beach as hurricane Andres arrives in the Pacific resort city of Manzanillo, Mexico Tuesday June 23, 2009. Andres strengthened into the Pacific season's first hurricane as it flooded homes, toppled trees and killed at least one person on its way up Mexico's southwestern coast.

Associated Press

a few spots.

The forecast track showed the storm then weakening as it continued northwest along the coast before veering west into the open Pacific and just south of the Los Cabos resorts at the

tip of the Baja California peninsula Thursday morning.

Late Sunday, Andres became the first named storm of the eastern Pacific hurricane season, which began May 15 and ends Nov. 30. □



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# Venus beats Voegeli at Wimbledon

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Five-time champion Venus Williams recovered from an early stumble in her opening match at Wimbledon on Tuesday to beat Stefanie Voegeli of Switzerland 6-3, 6-2.

It was Williams' first appearance on Centre Court since the 2008 final, when she beat sister Serena for her second Wimbledon title in a row. "I really enjoyed being out there," Venus said. "It's a special moment when you walk back as defending champion on that court."

Venus slipped five points into the match, one of several wobbly moments as she began her bid for a three-peat. She double-faulted in the opening game and had to erase two break points. She was passed the first two times she reached the net. She slipped and nearly fell a second time.

"It's grass," she said. "You're



Venus Williams of U.S. serves to Stefanie Voegeli of Switzerland during their first round singles match at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Associated Press

## U.S., Aussies disappointed by FINA's suit ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — World swimming superpowers the United States and Australia expressed mutual disappointment at FINA's decision to approve modified versions of swimsuits that were initially rejected for competition.

"We are highly disappointed by the FINA ruling released Monday, but in order to keep USA Swimming's rules in compliance with those of the international governing body, we will immediately adopt the revised list of approved swimsuits," USA Swimming president Jim Wood said on Tuesday.

"Moving forward, we encourage FINA to carefully examine this matter in order to ensure the best possible future for our sport."

FINA said on Monday it approved more than 100 additional models for next month's world championships in Rome. The sport's world governing body said the manufacturers have changed their suits to ensure that they do not create "air trapping" effects to artificially enhance speed and help with buoyancy.

It said the evidence of how air trapping helps performances was complex, and that it would take time to develop controlling and testing methods for each swimsuit. It will continue to assess swimsuits as they evolve and issue new rules regarding acceptable criteria for 2010.

Wood said USA Swimming would continue to push for stricter restrictions on swimsuit technology.



Ryosuke Irie of Japan blasts from the board at the start of the men's 50-meter backstroke final at the Japan Open 2009 in Tokyo, Japan, Sunday, June 7, 2009. Irie won the final with a time of 25.27 second. Irie set a world record in the men's 200-meter backstroke in Australia last month with a time of 1:52.86 seconds, beating the previous record held by American Ryan Lochte by 1.08 seconds. Irie wore an Arena brand swimsuit when he broke the record, and world governing body FINA has yet to verify the record as the swimsuit is undergoing independent testing. Irie won the race with a time of 25.27 seconds.

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Alan Thompson, the Australia coach, was a member of the swimsuit approval committee that met in Lausanne, Switzerland, in May and again last week. He called the decision a step back from what was first announced. □

going to slip sometimes."

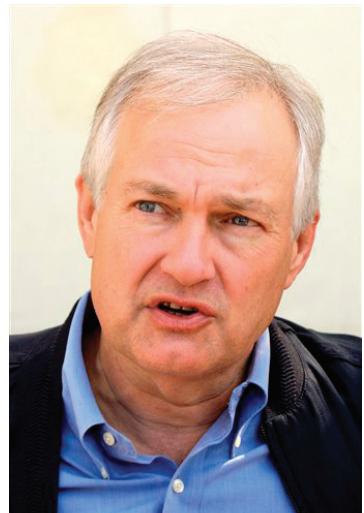
Williams found her footing, winning 14 consecutive points to help take a 5-1 lead. She had another spurt in the second set after losing serve for 2-all, and swept the final four games.

"Having won this title multiple times, you get that sense of what it takes to win," she said. "And I definitely have a good grip on that — what it takes to win this title."

Other players also took a tumble — Andy Roddick went down once during his victory, and even a ball boy fell on his face on Centre Court — and the biggest stumble was by Marat Safin. The two-time Grand Slam champion, who plans to retire at the end of the year, lost to qualifier Jesse Levine of the United States, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

"Not the way to finish Wimbledon story," Safin said. "But anyway, it's OK. That's life."

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In this Feb. 28, 2009 file photo, Major League Baseball's Player's Association executive director Donald Fehr, right, talks with reporters after meeting with the Philadelphia Phillies before a spring training baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Clearwater, Fla. Fehr announced his retirement Monday June 22, 2009, as head of the baseball players' association no later than the end of March.

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## Fehr to retire as head of MLBPA

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Donald Fehr's time in charge of the players' association will be remembered for a strike that canceled the World Series, explosive growth in salaries and eventually 14 years of labor peace.

To his detractors, the biggest mark was that he presided over a go-slow approach to steroids.

Fehr, who turns 61 next month, said Monday he will leave the powerful union no later than the end of March, ending a reign that began in December 1983. Fehr recommended that he be succeeded by union general counsel Michael Weiner, the No. 3 official and his longtime heir apparent. The move is subject to approval by the union's executive board and possible ratification by all players.

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## MLB Roundup

# Ailing Mets slow down Pujols, beat Cardinals 6-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Redding pitched into the eighth inning for his first win with the Mets and substitute setup man Brian Stokes got Albert Pujols to ground into a crucial double play to lead New York past the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 on Monday.

Daniel Murphy homered and Omir Santos went 4 for 4 in an uplifting victory for the Mets, hours after they received another dose of disheartening news. All-Star center fielder Carlos Beltran went on the 15-day disabled list with a bone bruise on his right knee, a huge blow to a team already decimated by key injuries.

Before the game, New York manager Jerry Manuel said he would keep a close eye on the spirit of his squad, also missing star shortstop Jose Reyes, slugging first baseman Carlos Delgado and three important pitchers.

At Atlanta, Javier Vazquez and three Atlanta relievers combined to shut out the

Chicago Cubs.

In a makeup game caused by a June 4 rainout, the Braves won a series for the first time since completing a three-game sweep of Toronto on May 24. The Braves had gone 0-5-3 in their last eight series. Atlanta and Chicago split the first two games of the original series June 2-3. Atlanta, which snapped a two-game slide, ended the Cubs' four-game winning streak. Vazquez (5-6) gave up nine hits and two walks with five strikeouts. The right-hander's victory snapped a five-start streak in which he went 0-3 despite a 3.44 ERA. Rafael Soriano, who gave up a single and a walk, struck out the side for his sixth save in seven chances.

At Oakland, California, Bobby Crosby drove in three runs and rookie Trevor Cahill won his third straight decision as Oakland ended a five-game losing streak in the Bay Bridge Series with a victory over San Francisco.

Travis Ishikawa hit a solo home run in the second inning to put San Francisco ahead, but that's all the offense the Giants could muster. Orlando Cabrera doubled in a run in the fourth for Oakland to tie the game at 1-1, then Ryan Sweeney's RBI groundout two batters later gave the A's the lead.

Crosby hit a two-run double in the sixth and had an eighth-inning RBI groundout in Oakland's third win in four games.

Reliever Brad Ziegler pitched two perfect innings for his sixth save in seven chances. At Anaheim, California, Brad Hawpe celebrated his 30th birthday with a three-run homer and Seth Smith also went deep as Colorado beat the Angels for their 17th victory in 18 games and club-record ninth straight on the road. The Angels tied a club record with six wild pitches—all with Jeff Napoli behind the plate. One was by Rafael Rodriguez

## Glover not taking time off after U.S. Open win

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

FARMINGDALE, New York (AP) — New U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover doesn't intend to take any time off before the next major, the British Open in four weeks.

The most hectic time for any major champion — except for Tiger Woods, who has done this 14 times — are the two days after winning, and Glover is no exception.

He was atop the Empire State Building (104th floor, not the antenna) on Tuesday, and had an appearance planned with late night TV show host David Letterman. There were a number of other TV appearances during his whirlwind stop through the Big Apple.

Glover, however, will stay even busier inside the ropes. He had planned to play

this week at the Travelers Championship, and winning the U.S. Open over five days was not going to change that. Tournament officials asked if he would play in the pro-am on Wednesday, and Glover wouldn't even back out of that.

"That would give me a break on Tuesday, and they're doing everything they can to bring me there," he said. "I like the tournament, I like the course and I'm playing well. Why not play there?" He also will stick with the AT&T National at Congressional next week, mainly because "that's one of our biggest sponsors."

A week off after that? Nope. "I've been playing the John Deere Classic since my rookie season, and Clair has been very good to me," he said, referring to tournament director Clair Peterson.



Lucas Glover, right, holds his 2009 U.S. Open golf championship trophy along side his wife Jennifer Glover during a visit to the 86th floor observatory at the Empire State Building in New York, Tuesday June 23, 2009.

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As for the following week? Glover grinned.

"I think this gets me in the British Open," he said, which follows the John Deere Classic. That would be five straight weeks, starting with his U.S. Open victory.

Maybe by then, he'll have come down from the clouds. □



in the seventh inning that allowed Troy Tulowitzki to score, one by Jason Bulger in the ninth that enabled Ian Stewart to come home.

In the National League it was, Atlanta 2, Chicago 5-1. □

Cubs 0; and N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 4. In interleague play the Colorado routed the L.A. Angels 11-1, and Oakland pounced on cross-bridge rivals San Francisco



In this June 18, 2003 file photo, Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa smiles during batting practice prior to a baseball game with the Cincinnati Reds in Cincinnati.

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before Congress: "To be clear, I have never taken illegal performance-enhancing drugs." He said he had not broken the law in the U.S. or his native Dominican Republic.

Sandberg said he was "blinded" to Sosa's alleged doping, saying: "I figured he was working out hard during the offseason to get bigger." He also said he doesn't support a special section in the Hall of Fame for those who doped.

Sandberg played 16 major league seasons, all but one with the Cubs, and hit 282 homers while batting .285. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005 and managed the Cubs' Double-A Tennessee Smokies in Sevierville, Tennessee. □

# Yzerman, Hull, Robitaille, Leetch get Hall of Fame

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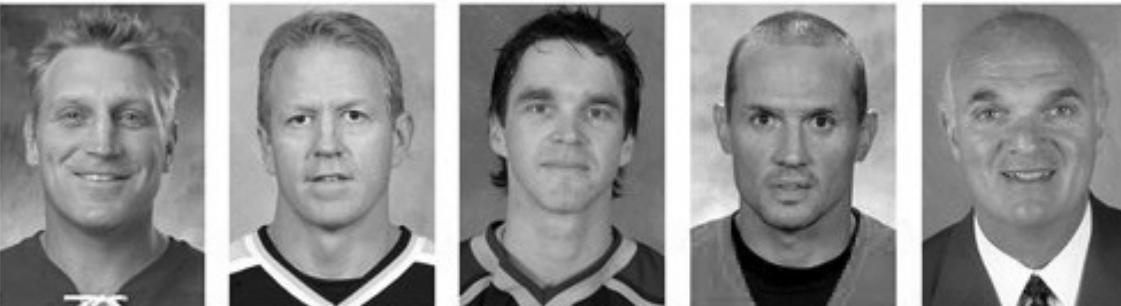
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, Luc Robitaille and Brian Leetch are going into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The selection committee announced on a conference call on Tuesday it elected the maximum four players this year. All were eligible for the first time.

New Jersey Devils president Lou Lamoriello was also elected in the builder category.

Yzerman ranks sixth all-time



**In these 2005 file photo released by the NHL, hockey players Brett Hull, Brian Leetch, Luc Robitaille, Steve Yzerman, and coach Lou Lamoriello are shown. All five were elected into the Hockey Hall Of Fame on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Hull, Leetch, Robitaille, and Yzerman were elected in the Player Category, while Lamoriello was elected in the Builder Category.**

*Associated Press*

in NHL points with 1,755. The longtime Detroit Red Wings captain won the Stanley Cup

three times and a gold medal

"Even now when I go back with Canada in the 2002 home in the summers, it's really something that's really



**Andy Murray of Britain reacts while playing Robert Kendrick of U.S. during their first round singles match at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 23, 2009.**

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## WIMBLEDON

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Levine, ranked 133rd, earned his first tour-level victory this year and his first win ever over a top-50 player.

"Marat's a great player, and I've watched him play growing up," said Levine, 21. "So it's a pretty surreal experience to be his last match at Wimbledon."

**Glenn Edward Viana was born October 7, 1942, and passed away on Monday, June 8, 2009, at North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond, LA. He was 66, a native of New Orleans and a resident of Amite, Louisiana.**

**Glenn is survived by two sons, John Viana of Port Orange, FL and Jean Michael Viana of Ponchatoula; one grandson, Wylee Viana of Australia; one sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Kenneth Courtney of Amite; two half sisters, Astrid Groth and husband Berent of Albuquerque, NM and Marisol Brugmann and husband John of Henderson, NV; one half brother Carlos Viana of Aruba; numerous nieces and nephews.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Meredith Viana.**

**A memorial service will be held at a later date.**

Attendance was 45,955, largest in tournament history.

Roddick followed Williams onto Centre Court and beat Jeremy Chardy 6-3, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-3. Roddick, seeded sixth, had only nine unforced errors and hit 47 winners, including 21 aces. He improved to 20-3 in tiebreakers this year.

Roddick was Wimbledon runner-up to Roger Federer in 2004 and 2005, but Andy Murray of Britain is considered the biggest obstacle for Federer this year.

"As far as who's talking about what, I don't really care," Roddick said. "I just want to go out and win matches."

The new retractable roof again worked well, keeping rain away for a second successive day. Play took place on a cloudless afternoon, prompting an official on the club's public-address system to urge that fans use sun block.

"It looks really nice, the roof," Williams said. "We haven't had to use it yet. It's kind of ironic. But I'm very sure it will get some use."

No. 13-seeded Ana Ivanovic, the 2008 French Open champion, saved two match points to beat Lucie Hradecka 5-7, 6-2, 8-6. This year's winner at Roland Garros, Svetlana Kuznetsova, defeated Akiko Morigami 6-3, 7-6 (1).

Top-ranked Dinara Safina opened another bid for her first Grand Slam title by beating Lourdes Dominguez Lino 7-5, 6-3. Safina said she was hampered by a sore left knee that has bothered her for two months, although she reached the French Open final less than three weeks ago.

Former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic beat Julia Goerges 6-4, 7-6 (0). Kimiko Date Krumm, a 38-year-old wild card who came out of retirement last year, lost in her first Wimbledon match since 1996 to No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 17 Amelie Mauresmo, the 2006 champion, defeated Melinda Czink 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

On the men's side, the third-seeded Murray began his bid to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since 1936 by beating American Robert Kendrick 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.

Juan Martin del Potro never faced a break point and swept Arnaud Clement 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. No. 12 Nikolay Davydenko beat Daniel Evans 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

British wild card Alex Bogdanovic's record at Wimbledon fell to 0-8 when he lost to No. 20 Tomas Berdych 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion, eased by American Robby Ginepri 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. Ginepri was bothered by a neck injury he suffered last week and received treatment from a trainer three times during the match.

The unseeded Hewitt and Federer are the only former champions in the men's draw. Hewitt plays del Potro next.

Williams prepared for Wimbledon as usual on hard courts back home in Florida, and didn't play a grass-court warmup tournament. But after her slow start she looked at home on the lawn. □

important to Canadian hockey fans and Canadians in general that we were able to win that medal," Yzerman said.

Hull's 741 goals rank third all-time.

He played 19 years with the Calgary Flames, St. Louis Blues, Dallas Stars, Red Wings and Phoenix Coyotes. Hull received the Hart Trophy as league MVP in 1991.

His father, Bobby, is already in the hall.

"It is hard to put into words what this means to me, especially since I'm joining my father in the Hockey Hall of Fame," Hull said in a statement.

His 741 goals trail only Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe, and his 24 career playoff game-winning goals are tied with Gretzky for the most in NHL history. He scored the Stanley Cup-winning goal for Dallas in the third overtime of Game 6 of the 1999 finals.

Leetch became the first American-born player to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy after leading the New York Rangers to the Stanley Cup in 1994. He also twice won the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman.

Leetch is one of just five defensemen to have a 100-point season.

He and Hull played on the gold medal-winning 1996 U.S. World Cup team for which Lamoriello was the general manager.

Robitaille's 668 goals are the most by a left wing. He received the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie in 1987.

Yzerman, Hull and Robitaille won a Stanley Cup together with the Red Wings in 2002.

"It was a great amount of good pressure where we were expected to win, but it was a lot of fun," Robitaille said.

Lamoriello has served as the Devils' president since 1987 and has taken over twice as the team's coach, in 2005-06 and 2007. New Jersey has won the Stanley Cup three times under his leadership.

A player must be retired for three seasons before becoming eligible to enter the Hall. The induction ceremony will be on Nov. 9. □



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In a photo provided by the Major League Baseball Players Association, Michael Weiner, general counsel of the baseball players' association, is seen Monday, June 22, 2009, in New York. Subject to approval by the union's executive board, Weiner will succeed Fehr. Weiner will head negotiations heading into the expiration of the current labor contract in December 2011.

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**FEHR**

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"I have no hesitancy in recommending to the players that he be given the opportunity to do this job," Fehr said.

The 47-year-old Weiner will lead negotiations for the next contract; the current labor agreement expires in December 2011.

Weiner and Steve Fehr, the union leader's brother, were the primary day-to-day negotiators of labor contracts in 2002 and 2006, baseball's first since 1970 that were achieved without a work stoppage.

"I think I have some sense of what I'm getting into," Weiner said.

As part of the succession plan, Weiner met Monday in the union's conference room with Fehr and the 92-year-old Marvin Miller, Fehr's predecessor.

"I think that he's a bright guy," Miller said. "He's certainly not lacking in experience. He's got the background for it."

Fehr headed negotiations for five labor contracts plus a divisive August 2002 drug agreement that was revised threetimesundercongressional pressure. He decided he didn't want to negotiate the next labor contract in two years and wanted to give Weiner lead time.

"After a while, it wears you down," Fehr said. "I think it will be good for everybody." □

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# MySpace despide dos tercios personal fuera EEUU y afecta América Latina

Información de la agencia de prensa Reuters señalan que la red social de internet MySpace dijo que planea recortar cerca de dos tercios de su personal internacional y cerrar al menos cuatro de sus oficinas fuera de Estados Unidos.

La medida propuesta se produce una semana después de que la red social perteneciente al grupo de medios News Corp, del magnate Rupert Murdoch, anunciara que eliminaría al 30 por ciento de sus empleados.

Aproximadamente la mitad de la base total de usuarios de MySpace proviene de fuera de Estados Unidos. La base de usuarios de su rival Facebook es más del doble que la de MySpace, según la compañía investigadora de mercado comScore.

El plan de reestructuración propuesto se aplicaría a todas las divisiones de MySpace en el exterior, reduciendo su plantilla internacional de 450 empleados a unos 150.

Bajo el plan propuesto, MySpace podría reestructurar todas sus oficinas existentes en Argentina, Brasil, Canadá, Francia, India, Italia, México, Rusia, Suecia y España.

Una vez completado el plan, Londres, Berlín y Sídney se convertirían en los centros neurálgicos de las operaciones internacionales de MySpace.

MySpace China, que es una compañía controlada, operada y administrada de manera local, y el emprendimiento conjunto de MySpace en Japón no se verán afectados por el plan propuesto, afirmó la compañía. □



Imagen de archivo del cofundador y presidente ejecutivo de MySpace, Chris DeWolfe, en el Foro Económico Mundial en Davos, Suiza, 30 ene 2009. La red social de internet MySpace dijo que planea recortar cerca de dos tercios de su personal internacional y cerrar al menos cuatro de sus oficinas fuera de Estados Unidos. REUTERS/Denis Balibouse/Archivo



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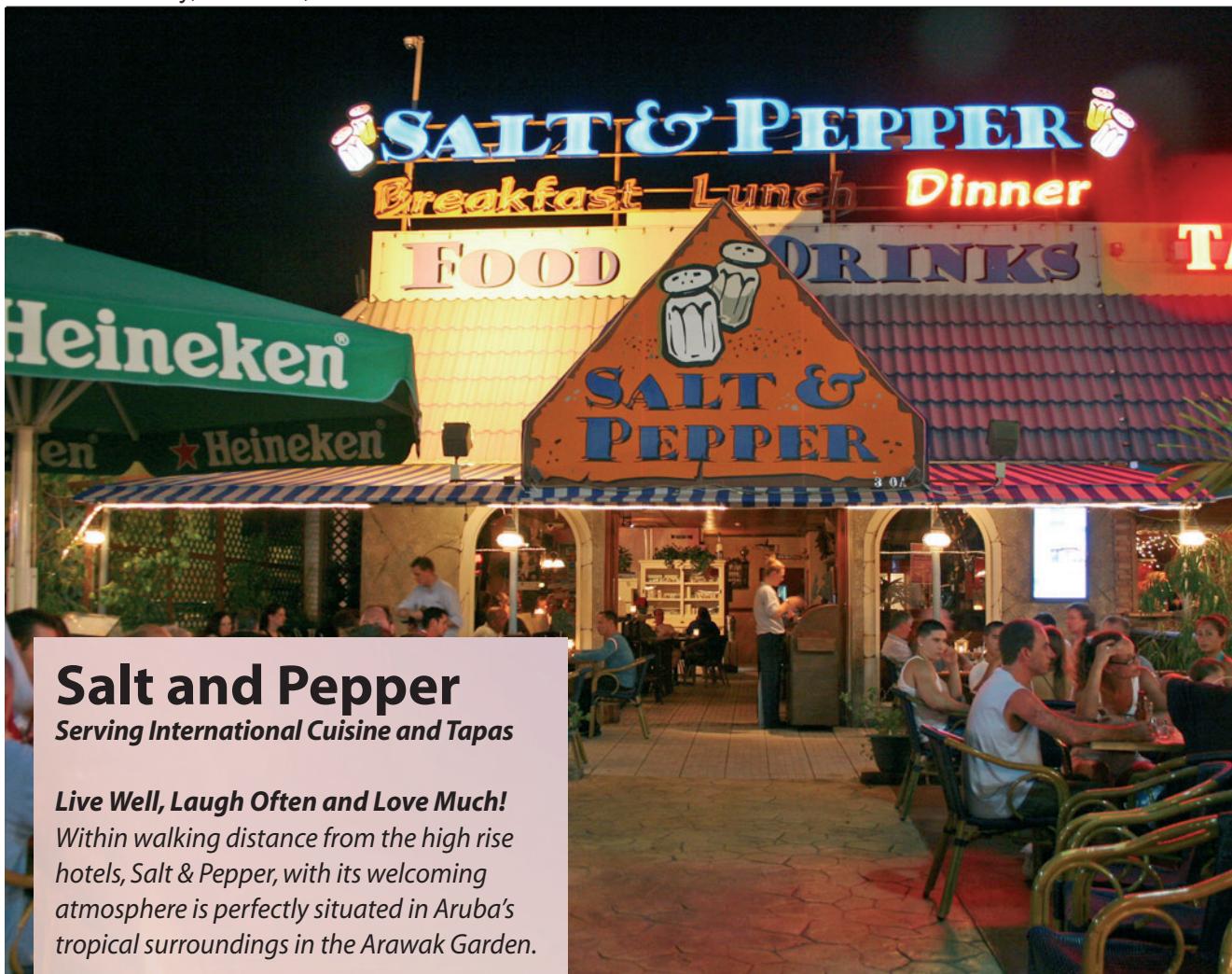
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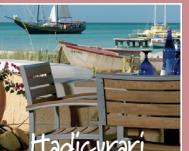
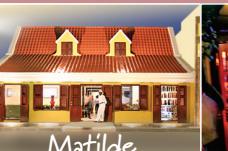
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